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SUBJ: HUNGARY -- THE JAMAICAN CONNECTION

- 1. JAMAICAN FOREIGN MINISTER DUDLEY THOMPSON ARRIVED IN BUDAPEST JAN 12 FOR WHIRLWIND VISIT OF HUNGARIAN FACTORIES AND FARMS AND TALKS WITH HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER LAZAR, FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA, AND SEVERAL ECONOMIC OFFICIALS.
- 2. THIS EMBASSY WAS UNAWARE OF SPECIAL BUDAPEST-KINGSTON CONNECTION UNTIL PUBLICATION OF "ILLUMINATING " ARTICLE IN COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY NEPSZABADSAG JAN 13. ARTICLE STATES THAT PEOPLE MIGHT BE SURPRISED AT HOW "CLOSE" CARIBBEAN ISLANDS ARE TO HUNGARY. THIS IS DUE TO JAMAICA'S NON-ALIGNED POLICY AND FACT IT IS IMPROVING ITS RELATIONS WITH "SOCIALIST CUBA". IN ADDITION, "JAMAICA HAS LATELY ATTRACTED ATTENTION DUE TO ITS POSITIVE VIEWPOINT ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNATIONAL ISSUES". "INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS OF

HUNGARY AND JAMAICA", PAPER CONCLUDES, "IN MANY RESPECTS COINCIDE".

3. COMMENT: TALKS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN JAMAICA AND HUNGARY HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BY EXPERTS HERE SINCE BEGINNING OF YEAR. THOMPSON VISIT IS, HOWEVER, FIRST OFFICIAL CONTACT AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. WHILE EMPHASIS IS, AS CLEARLY STATED, ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION, NOT MUCH IS LIKELY TO DEVELOP IN THIS SPHERE. BOTH ARE AMONG WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCERS OF BAUXITE, BUT MOST OF HUNGARY'S GOES TO USSR AND MOST OF JAMAICA'S TO U.S. SOMEWHAT STRAINED EFFORT ON PART OF NEPSZABADSAG TO DEMONSTRATE TO HUNGARIAN READERS IMPORTANCE OF "JAMAICA CONNECTION" IS BASICALLY DEMONSTRATION OF HOW LITTLE REALLY COMMON GROUND THERE IS BETWEEN THEM. ATTENTION TO JAMAICA CAN BE VIEWED AS PART OF GOH'S STEPPED UP OFFICIAL VISIT AND TRAVEL DIPLOMACY IN AFTERMATH OF HELSINKI. MCAULIFFE

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